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SUBJ: PRC-JAPAN PFT; "THIRD COUNTRY CLAUSE"

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1. ACCORDING TO JAPANESE EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER WHO PARTICIPATED IN PFT NEGOTIATIONS FINAL AGREEMENT ON THE LOCATION OF THE "THIRD COUNTRY CLAUSE" WAS REACHED AT THE MEETING BETWEEN TENG HSIAO-PING AND FOREIGN MINISTER SONODA ON AUGUST 10. TENG TOLD ONODA THAT THE PLACEMENT OF THE CLAUSE WAS A MINOR PROBLEM AND THE CHINESE SIDE COULD AGREE WITH WHATEVER THE JAPANESE DESIRED.

2. IN A PREVIOUS MEETING BETWEEN VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HAN NIEN-LUNG AND AMBASSADOR SATO PLACEMENT OF THIS CLAUSE AND A SECOND MINOR PROBLEM INVOLVING RECONCILIATION

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TION OF A LINGUISTIC ELEMENT WERE CONSIDERED. THE JAPANESE WERE CONCERNED THAT LANGUAGE IN THE ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE MIGHT CONTAIN AN IMPLICATION THAT NEW ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN SUBSEQUENT TO THE TREATY TO OPPOSE HEGEMONY. THEY WANTED THE CHINESE ACCORDINGLY TO CHANGE THE WORD "FANTUI" (OPPOSE) TO A PASSIVE CONSTRUCTION.

3. TENG LATER TOLD SONODA THAT THE CHINESE WERE NOT WILLING TO DO THIS. THERE IS, THUS, A SLIGHT DIFFERENCE IN THE JAPANESE AND CHINESE LANGUAGE VERSION OF THIS PART OF THE CLAUSE, THE JAPANESE EMBOFF SAID, EVEN THOUGH BOTH JAPANESE AND CHINESE LANGUAGE VERSIONS ARE "EQUALLY AUTHENTIC."

4. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, SEPARATING THE "THIRD COUNTRY" CLAUSE FROM THE ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE HAS THE AFFECT OF EMPHASIZING THAT, AS IN THE 1972 COMMUNIQUE, THE TREATY IS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ANY THIRD COUNTRY.

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